

CLUB HUB Newsletter

KAMLOOPS - SPRING EDITION



Boys & Girls Club
of Kamloops
A good place to be

April 2019 - June 2019

The Blue Bird Day Fund partnered up with the Boys and Girls Club this past winter to offer 13 children and youth access to snow sports at Sun Peaks. Our mission was to give children and youth who faced financial barriers the opportunity to take part in these activities and follow their passion. This program gave them valuable tips and allowed them to gain experience and confidence out on the mountain. The children and youth in this program hit the slopes 6 times throughout January and March! Each participant received equipment, lunch at Bottoms, and a volunteer mentor. We want to give a big thank you to Sun Peaks and the Bluebird Society for offering such a wonderful opportunity for our members!



Party Place is now expanding to offer team parties! This option is perfect for groups that are between 16 and 60 people. By expanding our group sizes we are now able to accommodate school dances, grade 7 graduation parties, team building workshops, and much more! When planning your party you have your choice between our movement mania themes and our crafty & creative themes. If this has piqued your interest and you'd like to know more about our team parties head on over to our website!



Things to Know

BEFORE YOU BOOK:

Parties are primarily booked on **Saturday** and **Sundays**:
During the times of 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM or
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

If booked far enough in advanced some week days and
evenings are available throughout the summer!

Contact our Party Place Leader - Niki
party.place.bgc@gmail.com | 554-5437

PACWEST CONFERENCE



While in Edmonton two of our program leaders caught a quick photo with our National CEO, Owen Charters.

April 10th-18th

RBC - BUS CLEANING



A team of RBC volunteers came out to help us spring clean our buses. Now they look brand new!

April 18th

HEALTHY KIDS DAY



The 12th Annual Healthy Kids Day was a blast with the YMCA!

May 5th

WOSH STAFF DAY



The staff health day was full of team bonding, goal evaluation, and self-reflection!

May 17th

CONNECT AT THE CLUB



Was a fun evening showing our biggest supporters what its like to be a club member!

June 7th

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Peer Review June 18-20
- Summer Programs Start July 2nd
 - Bright Red Book Bus
 - Summer Brain Gain
 - Summer Camp
 - Youth Programs
- The Boys and Girls Club will be closed on the following days:
 - Canada Day - July 1st
 - British Columbia Day - August 5th
 - Labour Day - September 2nd
- After-school Programs start back up September 4th

FEATURE STAFF:

Jay Huggins

Jay started at the Boys and Girls Club a little over a year and a half ago. His first role was as a volunteer, and shortly after he became a Child and Youth Worker. He has had other roles since then, but he has made the greatest impact in his current position as the John Tod and After-school Programs Leader. Jay has always been a team player and is constantly stepping up whenever he is needed. You can catch Jay in the morning after he has made the Power Start run or right before its time to leave to pick up the kids for the after-school program. In between these times, Jay lives in his office religiously responding to emails and making phone calls. The hard work Jay puts into his job does not go unnoticed. Many from the BGC team have commented on his admirable work ethic and his ability to be incredibly engaging, and personable making it easy to connect with the kids. Jay will soon be leaving the club in pursuit of further education, and we wish him all the luck and happiness!



Favourite thing about the club is the diversity of programs that we offer and the spontaneity of each day!



FEATURE PROGRAM: The Bright Red Book Bus

The Bright Red Book Bus visits schools and local parks during the summer to provide children with free, high-quality books to enhance literacy skills and to encourage a love for reading. So far we have had 8,271 children visit our bus and take home more than 10,000 books! The bus also provides children with a fun, cosy and welcoming space to come relax and read while at the park. Did you know we also serve kids healthy snacks from our bus? The best part is no registration is required! This summer, Play Kamloops' Leaders will be joining the bus on Friday afternoons to offer Physical literacy activities. The bus is in operation from July 2nd to August 28.

A BIG THANK YOU!

We couldn't do the important work we do without all of you. Thank you for strengthening our club and community!

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